



Embassy of United States of America
Kathmandu, Nepal

Important Information for Immigrant Visa Holders

Visa

Carefully check your visa's biographic information to ensure it matches your passport.

Visa Validity

Carefully note your visa's expiration date. If you fail to enter the U.S. before the visa expires, another visa will not be issued.

Visa Packet

Every visa recipient is provided a packet. **Do not open it.** You must provide the unopened packet to immigration officials at the U.S. port of entry, so do not put it in your checked luggage when travelling. Keep it in your carry-on luggage.

USCIS Immigrant Fee

You must pay a \$165 USCIS Immigrant Fee online **before** you depart for the U.S. You will not receive your LPR Card (or "Green Card") until you have paid the fee. This fee can also be paid after you arrive in the United States. Please see the USCIS Immigrant Fee sheet attached to your packet for more detailed information.

Medical Documentation

Immigrants are advised to hand carry the vaccination documentation worksheet and x-ray reports provided by their screening physician. In addition, we suggest you carry any additional immunization records with you.

Principal or Derivative Applicants

Derivative visa holders may **not** enter the U.S. before the principal applicant. Derivatives may only enter the U.S. simultaneously with or after the principal applicant.

Entering the U.S. and Legal Permanent Resident (LPR) Status

LPR status confers the right to live and work in the U.S. permanently. Upon arrival at a U.S. port of entry, you will be inspected by a Customs and Border Protection officer. If admissible, your passport will be stamped valid for one year and you will enter the U.S. as a Legal Permanent Resident. This verifies your legal resident status until your LPR Card (or "Green Card") arrives in the mail to your address of record.

Receiving your LPR Card (or Green Card or I-551)

You are not required to go to the address listed on your DS-230. You may travel to any location in the U.S. However, you must notify U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services (USCIS) of the appropriate address to send your LPR Card.

Departing the U.S.

Once you have entered the U.S. and obtained LPR status, you may leave the U.S. for up to 365 days. However, staying outside of the U.S. for more than one year may result in loss of your LPR status.

Please visit our website <http://nepal.usembassy.gov/visas.html> for further information or email consktm@state.gov with inquiries.